

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 12, 2019 through November 17, 2019.

**Thursday**  
11/14/2019

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office for entries this past Tuesday and Wednesday, while Scott Chaney was "in the barrel" on Thursday. Ward will write the minutes for the coming week. Entries went well, with eight race cards on Friday and Saturday, while the Sunday offering has nine races. Changes were held to a minimum. California Bred races, as usual, did not fill.

**Friday**  
11/15/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race    #2 Four Gaels (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$89.00  
                  #7 Aiming Straight (entered back) Refund of \$167.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race    #1 Bottle Rocket (Vet-injured) Refund of \$232.00  
                  #3 Tough But Nice (Vet-injured) Refund of \$220.00

**(2) COMPLAINT SETTLED**

Just before the hammer was going to drop, trainer George Papaprodromou ponied up \$960 in cash to settle a financial complaint filed by Trainer Daniel Azcarate.

**(3) RULING**

Ruling # 296

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda accepted responsibility for a "crop" violation from last weekend.

**(4) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald reported that #3 Hav Plenty was unsound during the warm up period and recommended that the horse be declared. The resulting refund totaled \$11,075.00.

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	500	\$50,389.30
Off track	1,680	\$189,145.00
Out of state	N/A	\$582,481.28
Total	2,180	\$822,015.58

**Saturday**  
11/16/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #8 Chocolatita For Me (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$349.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Bound To Go (Vet-injured) Refund of \$402.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Madame Mousse (Stewards) Refund of \$827.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Flyen High (Vet-colic)  
#3 Casons Dream (Vet-unsound)  
#4 AR Lucky Seven (Vet-sick) Refund of \$803.00

**(2) RULING**

Ruling #297

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON, WHO RODE "VAL SIERRITA" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2019, IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-POST PARADE).

This ruling was issued as Mr. Leon did not come in to defend his misuse of the "crop" during the post parade prior to the seventh race on November 15, 2019.

**(3) VOIDED CLAIMS**

The claim deposited in the third race by trainer Marcia Stortz for #1 Xerneas was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" during its time in the detention barn. It was returned to the barn of Salvador Naranjo.

Following the fourth race, Dr. Beck reported that #5 Curly's Mark, claimed by trainer Keith Craigmyle, was unsound while under his watch in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Elmer January.

**(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the third race as jockey Erick Garcia (6<sup>th</sup>, #4 Thames Valley) lodged a claim of foul against Eduard Rojas (3<sup>rd</sup>, #3 Plan B) for interference after the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. Thames Valley broke slowly and was not inconvenienced by the third place finisher.

**(5) PADDOCK INCIDENT-OFFICIAL INJURED**

Paddock Judge Scott Craigmyle was injured during the saddling procedure prior to the running of the sixth race this evening. While he was performing his duties, a horse wheeled and kicked, catching Mr. Craigmyle in the jaw. He was transported to Los Alamitos Hospital with no information on his condition. His son, Keith, who is the evening outrider, went to the hospital with his father. Horse Ambulance driver Eric Najdich was pressed into service as the outrider, while Racing Secretary Jay Conklin filled in as Paddock Judge. Thank goodness that we have a deep bench at this venue.

**(6) REFUND**

The sixth race, which was reduced to three starters because of prior veterinarian scratches, was reduced further as #5 JR Kaweahs Mountain broke through the stall doors, lost the rider, and ran off. This reduced the field to two starters. The resulting refund amounted to \$9,814.00. There was Win and Exacta wagering only.

**(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	656	\$61,557.40
Off track	1,764	\$204,233.00
Out of state	N/A	\$721,151.02
Total	2,420	\$986,941.42

**Sunday**  
11/17/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Lake Show (Vet- injured)  
#3 Rockin My Mojo (Vet-unsound)  
\$6 Competing (Stewards-medication) Refund \$611.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Towards The Light (Stewards-medication)  
#2 Adriatic Son (Vet-injured) Refund of \$234.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Lady Krishna (Vet-injured) Refund of \$407.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 My Favorite Cartel (Vet-injured) Refund of \$213.00

**(2) RULINGS**

## Ruling # 298

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2019.

## Ruling # 299

JOCKEY JESUS ARRIAGA IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2019.

These rulings were issued for "crop" violations from the past week. Neither rider chose to argue their positions.

**(3) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review the cause of Jockey Ramon Guce being unseated from his mount, #4 Quantum Force, in the opening strides of the race. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish as Mr. Guce's mount stumbled sharply just out of the gate, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall. Fortunately, he was not injured and completed his remaining engagements.

**(4) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the ninth race as #2 Eagles Policy became fractious in the starting gate and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared.

The refund amounted to \$7,267.00

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	552	\$84,414.90
Off track	1,638	\$289,626.70
Out of state	N/A	\$722,790.77
Total	2,190	\$1,096,832.37

## **TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 17, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 21 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 10 for soundness, 9 for injury, and 2 for sickness. None horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**2019**

### **SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 11/15	Sat 11/16	Sun 11/17	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	1	1	9
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	23
<b>Claims</b>	R		2	4	1	7	265
<b>Disqualification</b>	K		0	0	0	0	31
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	0	0	1	1	74
<b>Refunds</b>		A	3	4	5	12	427
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	1	1	2	4	299
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	2	0	2	57

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Scott Chaney, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward